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THINGS THAT CHIEFLY CONCERN THE STATE

Cotton Ware House Act Has Hard Sledding—Saunders Editorial Raises a Howl—Republicans Start a New Daily—Not all Mill Men Against Shipman—Soldiers, Not Seeking Political Offices—Raleigh Negroes Put Out Ticket.

BY W. T. BOST

Raleigh, March 26.—Before North Carolina's cotton warehouse plan gets a start with organization by the board of agriculture and the appointment of a superintendent, leaders vocative in the demand that the state inaugurate such a system have conjured the specter of a one-cultus rebellion and Thursday the attorney general may invert his thumb.

This is the scripture of Saunders of THE INDEPENDENT precisely near Raleigh. The insurgent member from Person county inditing a few remarks on political freedom has had his editorial eagle and illuminated by papers no fewer than a dozen. They are amazed that he has found so much partisan cowardice. But here the leaders of the dominant party come declaring that not only will no court uphold the principle of the warehouse act, but no party can stand up under the assaults of other partisans.

Clarence Poe, who is the author of the act, finds nowhere in North Carolina any opposition to the measure which was so thoroughly renovated before it finally passed George Holderness in the senate. But Democratic lawyers in the state departments declare their belief that no court will uphold the tax feature of 25 cents on the bale at the gin. There is a great deal of partisan point. The attorney general is asked for a ruling and throughout the week he has leaned to the view that the courts will not uphold the tax feature. The bill is drawn so as to protect other features should the tax be declared unconstitutional. Chief Justice Clark is quoted favorable to the bill. Thursday afternoon the board organizes and the state's counsel advises.

Meanwhile the Republicans hope that the courts will not disturb the act and that they will get a chance to go to the bushes, shout persecution of the "pore man", assume the role of clumsy demagogue appealing from intelligence to prejudice and get their biennial beating.

This week the new Republican daily in Asheville cuts loose from its old staff of Democrats and opens its batteries upon the Democrats.

The circumstance would not be worth a paragraph in a great religious weekly like THE INDEPENDENT, did it not recall ancient history and the tribulations of all party dailies attempted by the Republicans. The first pretentious effort was made in October 1905 when the old Industrial of Greensboro issued first. It was founded by Marion Butler and founded by faction. Shortly after the presidential campaign in 1908 it suspended and in a few months was resurrected by the Duncan faction. It ran a few months again,

then fell into the hands of W. A. Hildebrand and E. B. Jeffress who made it an independent. It now is in many respects the most prosperous state daily and is much the best newspaper of them all.

The Republican daily grows out of tenth district exigencies. The district has never had a party organ of size. By having one daily the tenth Republicans are as well off in steady propaganda as the Democrats. Ex-Congressman James R. Britt is temporary editor.

Raleigh has experienced a recrudescence of Senegambian politics. Not since the middle nineties when Colonel James H. Young beat Needham B. Broughton of Wake for the senate and Raleigh had various and sundry negro aldermen on its board, has the colored man attempted anything in local politics; but this week the Twentieth Century Club met and named a full ticket, mayoralty and two commissionships and these will be offered against the regular whites.

The thing has riled the whites who see in it a turn toward the aggravations of the nineties. The Twentieth Century club is playing the foolish whites who have used it before. By entering the primary and voting perhaps 300 or more in the city election, the negroes will be in position to trade with the candidates in the final election. They have been used many times by the factions most successful in city politics. In the event of a close election between two regular candidates in the final election, the negroes might determine the issue as they settled it between Franklin McNeill and present Mayor Johnson.

Commissioner M. L. Shipman of the department of labor and printing, has received assurances from more than one cotton mill man since adjournment of the General Assembly that the Neal bill legislating him out of functions controlling labor conditions in the cotton mills, did not meet the general approval of manufacturers and that many mill owners repudiate those who spoke in the name of the organization.

There are the Carrs of Durham, the Coopers of Henderson, the Boyds of Mooresville, and others in Wilson and Greenville who are quoted as being wholly against this plan of humiliating Shipman and taking his rights away from him. When Shipman goes before the primary in 1920, assurance is sent him that the mill men generally will not join this irresponsible cabal against him.

The soldiers of the Thirtieth Division have come and gone and there is no gubernatorial boom in their wake. Colonel Albert Cox, commander of the 113th artillery, came back with his boys and within a fortnight he will return here to live. The colonel's boys did not break the Hindenburg line—they had no chance to do so. But they peppered the Kaiser's troops with small shells and did their part in shooting the defenses of the Hun down. It is easily observable that the returning soldiers do not desire a military

man as their civilian leader. All such enthusiasm comes from those who have not absorbed the maledor of scorched powder and putrescent human beings. No, there is no boom on for any military man.

POSTPONE BANQUET

The committee in charge of the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce has postponed the dinner from Thursday, April 17th to Thursday, April 24th.

Otto Boettcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boettcher of this city, has been dangerously ill this week with pneumonia at the A. E. College, in Raleigh. His condition is reported favorable to-

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